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THE FIRM: Brigard & Urrutia has been Colombia's leading firm for over 80 years, providing legal advice and assistance in all relevant areas of business law, as well as representation in a wide range of matters, including transactional, non-transactional, litigation and dispute resolution advice. The firm has an extensive record as a supplier of first-rate legal services to a worldwide client base comprised of industrial and commercial companies from all business sectors and industries, banks, financial institutions, insurance companies and foreign governments.

The firm is keen on creating close working relationships with its clients, based upon the highest ethical standards. Its understanding of the financial markets, experience in mergers and acquisitions and commercial transactions, and successes in landmark litigation and arbitration cases, are all factors that place Brigard & Urrutia at the very forefront of the Colombian legal community. The firm's partners and associates often assume the role of trusted advisors concerning strategic aspects of their clients' businesses and deals, thereby adding value to the relationship.

The team is comprised of 18 partners, three of whom are devoted to intellectual property, 150 associates, 17 paralegals and an administrative staff of more than 130 members. Brigard & Castro is the associate firm of Brigard & Urrutia for intellectual property matters. Both firms are fully integrated into one organization.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Brigard & Urrutia's attorneys are recognized as leading practitioners in their respective fields. Many of them have earned post-graduate degrees from leading American and European universities. Several attorneys have practiced overseas with prominent international law firms and are admitted to practice in other jurisdictions, including the State of New York. The firm's substantial capabilities and legal experience covering all areas of business law enable it to regularly handle some of the largest and most complex transactions in Colombia. Throughout the firm's long history, its attorneys have advised clients on groundbreaking, landmark transactions. They have played a central role in developing the practice of corporate law in Colombia.

INTERNATIONAL CLIENTS: The firm's international clients include ABN AMRO Bank, American Airlines, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays Bank, British Airways, BNP Paribas, Casino Groupe, Citigroup Global Markets, Credit Suisse, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America, Goldman Sachs, Groupe Danone, Endesa Internacional, General Electric Company, Hewlett Packard, HSBC Securities, JP Morgan Chase, McDonalds Corporation, Millicom International Cellular, SABMiller Brewing Company, 3M Company, The World Bank, and Votorantim Metais, Banco Itau, to mention a few.

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Antitrust and Competition Law
- Banking and Financial Services
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Law
- Customs and International Trade
- Due Diligence
- Estate Planning
- Foreign Exchange, Derivatives and Structured Finance
- Immigration
- Infrastructure and Public Utilities
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Intellectual Property
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation, Arbitration and Insolvency
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Private Equity
- Real Estate
- Telecommunications, Media, Entertainment and Technology
- Taxes

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